



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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August 10, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#25 AUGUST 10, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE
EMERGENCY CONTRACTS FOR THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009 WILDFIRES
AND THE RESULTING DAMAGE FROM THE 2010 WINTER RAINSTORMS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works to continue to negotiate emergency contracts, without advertising for bids, for repair and construction projects necessary to mitigate the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms and prepare and execute these contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the County of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that actions, repair and construction projects, needed to respond to the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Find that there is a need to continue to authorize the Director of Public Works to negotiate emergency contracts, in an amount not to exceed a total of \$15 million and without advertising for bids, for repair and construction projects necessary to mitigate the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms pursuant to Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code and prepare and execute these contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the County of Los Angeles.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On September 8, 2009, the Board authorized the Director of Public Works (Director) to negotiate and execute emergency construction contracts, without advertising for bids, for repair and construction projects necessary to mitigate the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms. In accordance with the Public Contract Code, the Board must review the necessity of these emergency contracting procedures every 14 days. The recommended action is to authorize the Director to continue to negotiate and execute the necessary emergency contracts.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). This action will result in the expedited repair of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) facilities damaged by the wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms whereby the residents of the County will benefit and their quality of life will be improved.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Funding for the remaining emergency contracts is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Road Fund and Flood Fund Budgets. Public Works is seeking reimbursement under Federal and State disaster assistance programs for the work. The estimated total cost associated with the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms is \$189.2 million of which we have expended or encumbered \$59.3 million through July 24, 2010. We have used \$12.1 million of emergency contract encumbrance authority and plan to use an additional \$1.7 million in August/September 2010.

There is one newly added construction project for a concrete inlet and culvert across Crescenta Valley Water District's access road at the north end of Canyonside Road. The work needs to be completed prior to the next storm season that begins on October 15, 2010. The construction of the inlet and culvert are necessary to redirect future mudflows from the burned watershed away from Canyonside Road and into the Pickens Canyon watercourse. This is consistent with the historical drainage pattern of the area. The Los Angeles County Flood Control District will enter into an agreement with Crescenta Valley Water District to install and maintain the culvert and inlet for the next four years until the burned watershed recovers, and Crescenta Valley Water District will maintain it thereafter.

Additionally, it was determined that the crib dams repair project will be conducted in two phases. The first phase of the project will include the repair of locations deemed critical for the upcoming storm season and is included on the emergency contracts list. The remaining locations will be assessed following the 2010-11 storm season to determine the extent of damage and scope of repairs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Station, Morris, and Rancho Palos Verdes Fires caused significant damage to facilities and roads throughout the County of Los Angeles (County), primarily within the Angeles National Forest. On August 28, 2009, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declared that a State of Emergency exists within Los Angeles County and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the County proclaimed and

declared that a local emergency exists within the County. At its meeting on September 1, 2009, the Board ratified the CEO's declaration of a local emergency.

On September 8, 2009, Agenda Item 61-A, the Board adopted a motion and resolution finding that an emergency situation existed that required immediate measures be undertaken to repair the damage, restore access to homes and businesses, and prevent and reduce potential flooding and damage due to mudflows. The Board also authorized the Director to negotiate and execute emergency construction contracts for damage repairs in an amount not to exceed \$25 million. However, on May 11, 2010, Agenda Item 36, the Board reduced the maximum amount to \$15 million. In accordance with Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code, the Board must review the necessity of these emergency contracting procedures every 14 days. Rainstorms in the burn areas have created a continuing need to enter into contracts on an emergency basis to repair the damage, restore access to homes and businesses, and prevent and reduce potential flooding and damage due to the mudflows. The aforementioned motion also required that Public Works provide written reports to the Board every two weeks concerning the status of all projects and the amount of funds expended. Enclosed is the latest status report for your reference.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The actions, projects, and repairs needed to respond to the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms are statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 21080 (b) (2), (3), and (4) of the California Public Resources Code, which exempt emergency repairs, actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, and projects arising out of a state of emergency declared by the Governor.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This action will allow the Director to continue to negotiate contracts for the repair and construction of projects necessary to mitigate the August/September 2009 Wildfires.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will allow the Director to continue to negotiate contracts for the repair and construction of projects necessary to mitigate the August/September 2009 Wildfires.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

GF:KAS:pr

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
RECOVERY REPORT FOR THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009 WILDFIRES AND
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010 RAINSTORMS
JULY 27, 2010**

DAMAGE ESTIMATES AND EXPEDITURE INFORMATION

August/September 2009 Wildfires

The cost estimates for damage repair and hazard mitigation activities are currently \$10.7 million and \$8.2 million, respectively, as shown on Attachment A. At this time, it is estimated that \$10.9 million of the damage repair and hazard mitigation expenditures will potentially be reimbursed by the California Emergency Management Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Federal Highway Administration. Expenditures as of July 24, 2010, are as follows:

Total Expenditures (including overtime)	\$ 13,003,267
Total Encumbrances	1,737,227
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Total Expenditures and Encumbrances	\$ 14,740,494
Total Overtime	\$ 916,990

January/February 2010 Rainstorms

The cost estimates for damage repair and hazard mitigation activities are currently \$23.0 million and \$147.3 million, respectively, as shown on Attachment C. At this time, it is estimated that \$145.0 million of the damage repair and hazard mitigation expenditures will potentially be reimbursed by the California Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, since this storm event has now been declared a Federal disaster. Expenditures as of July 24, 2010, are as follows:

Total Expenditures (including overtime)	\$ 33,122,226
Total Encumbrances	11,476,728
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Total Expenditures and Encumbrances	\$ 44,598,954
Total Overtime	\$ 2,093,596

Emergency Contracting

The current list of emergency contracts totaling \$13.5 million is shown on Attachment B. We have used \$12.1 million of emergency contract encumbrance authority and plan to use an additional \$1.7 million in August/September 2010.

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ROAD CLOSURES

Attachment D is a listing of road closures and estimated reopening dates for unincorporated County areas. This listing appears on Public Works' website at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov>. Please note that there are other road closures shown on the list that are not related to the August/September 2009 Wildfires or January/February 2010 rainstorms.

ATTACHMENT A
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
RECOVERY REPORT FOR THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009 WILDFIRES
JULY 27, 2010

County Funds

Total Damage Estimates	Total Estimated Cost	Disaster Assistance (High Probability)	Disaster Assistance (Possible)	Road Construction Program (SD5)	Road Fund (O&M)	Flood Fund (O&M)	Completion Date
Transportation							
Guardrail Repair and Replacement	\$ 3,120,000	\$ 2,392,000	\$ 389,000	\$ 339,000	\$ -	\$ -	December 2009 (Completed)
Sign Replacement	268,000	205,000	-	-	63,000	-	October 2009 (Completed)
Road Shoulder and Culvert Debris Removal	5,530,000	3,467,000	946,000	-	1,117,000	-	January 2010 (Completed)
Miscellaneous (Catch Basin, Headwall Repairs)	5,000	4,000	-	1,000	-	-	Completed
Transportation Subtotal	8,923,000	6,068,000	1,335,000	340,000	1,180,000	-	
Public Works Buildings							
Office and Crew Quarters at RD 557A Subyard	1,215,000	900,000	-	-	315,000	-	TBD
Public Works Buildings Subtotal	1,215,000	900,000	-	-	315,000	-	
Communication Systems							
San Gabriel Dam	15,000	-	-	-	-	15,000	April 2010 (Completed)
Pacoima Dam	30,000	-	-	-	-	30,000	October 2010
Big Tujunga Dam	150,000	28,000	-	-	-	122,000	April 2010 (Completed)
Communication Systems Subtotal	195,000	28,000	-	-	-	167,000	
Flood Control							
Repair Electrical System at Morris Dam	100,000	75,000	-	-	-	25,000	June 2012
Repair Electrical System at Big Tujunga Dam	262,000	148,000	-	-	-	114,000	December 2011
Repair/Replace Rain Gauges and Repeaters	15,000	-	-	-	-	15,000	Completed
Flood Control Subtotal	377,000	223,000	-	-	-	154,000	
Total	\$ 10,710,000	\$ 7,219,000	1,335,000	\$ 340,000	\$ 1,495,000	\$ 321,000	

Roadway Culvert Upgrades and Debris Basin Cleanouts/Modifications Necessitated by the Fires

Transportation							
Road Culvert Inlet Upgrades	\$ 1,502,000	\$ 880,000	\$ 411,000	\$ 211,000	\$ -	\$ -	April 2010 (Completed)
Erosion Barriers (K-rails - Unincorporated Area)	615,000	530,000	-	85,000	-	-	December 2013
Transportation Subtotal	2,117,000	1,410,000	411,000	296,000	-	-	
Flood Control							
Debris Basin Cleanout	1,901,000	-	-	-	-	1,901,000	January 2010 (Completed)
Debris Basin Modification and Expansion	2,348,000	343,000	-	-	-	2,005,000	December 2010
Erosion Barriers (K-rails - City of La Canada)	300,000	210,000	-	-	-	90,000	December 2013
Miscellaneous Damages/Repairs	346,000	-	-	-	-	346,000	September 2009 (Completed)
Engineering Advice and Investigation	1,171,000	-	-	-	-	1,171,000	December 2014
Flood Control Subtotal	6,066,000	553,000	-	-	-	5,513,000	
Grand Total	\$ 8,183,000	\$ 1,963,000	\$ 411,000	\$ 296,000	\$ -	\$ 5,513,000	
	\$ 18,893,000	\$ 9,182,000	\$ 1,746,000	\$ 636,000	\$ 1,495,000	\$ 5,834,000	

ATTACHMENT B
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009 WILDFIRES AND THE RESULTING DAMAGES FROM THE 2010 WINTER RAINSTORMS
EMERGENCY CONTRACTS

ID	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK	CONTRACT COST	CONSTRUCTION	
				START DATE	COMPLETION DATE
1	Station Fire - Angeles Forest Highway & Aliso Canyon Road Guardrail Replacement	Guardrail Restoration.	\$ 679,000	October 6, 2009	May 12, 2010
2	Station Fire - Big Tujunga Canyon Road Guardrail Replacement	Guardrail Restoration.	\$ 534,200	October 13, 2009	April 30, 2010
3	Station Fire - Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road Guardrail Replacement	Guardrail Restoration.	\$ 698,100	October 19, 2009	January 25, 2010
4	Angeles Forest Highway - Station Fire Culvert Improvement Project	Construct trash racks or standpipes in culvert inlet areas within MD 5.	\$ 237,000	December 2, 2009	January 11, 2010
5	Big Tujunga Canyon Road - Station Fire Culvert Improvement Project	Construct trash racks or standpipes in culvert inlet areas within MD 5.	\$ 204,500	December 1, 2009	January 15, 2010
6	Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road - Station Fire Culvert Improvement Project	Construct trash racks or standpipes in culvert inlet areas within MD 5.	\$ 304,500	December 2, 2009	March 23, 2010
7	Tree Removal	Remove burned/dead trees within County roadways in MD 5.	\$ 604,500	September 2009	December 19, 2009
8	Mill Creek Bridge - Bridge Rail and Approach Guardrail Replacement	Repair and replace fire damaged bridge railing and approach guardrails at the Mill Creek Bridge at Angeles Forest Highway.	\$ 237,900	February 2010	May 12, 2010
9	Misc As-Needed Contracts	Disposal services; facility sweeping	\$ 1,500,000	November 2009	September 2010 (Estimated)
10	Haul Trucks	Debris Removal	\$ 6,000,000	March 2010	September 2010 (Estimated)
11	Debris Basin Enlargements	Provide additional capacity at the Big Briar, Mullaly, Snover, Pickens, Starfall, and Pinelawn-Debris Basins.	\$ 1,078,200	July 2010	October 2010 (Estimated)
SUBTOTAL ENCUMBERED CONTRACTS			\$ 12,077,900		
12	May and Dunsmuir Debris Basin	Repair of outlet tower.	\$ 250,000	August 2010 (Estimated)	November 2010 (Estimated)
13	Dunsmuir, Halls, Mullaly, Pickens, and Shields D.B. and Goss Inlet Crib Dam Structures	Replace damaged portions of 55 crib dams (Phase 1)	\$ 1,000,000	August 2010 (Estimated)	December 2010 (Estimated)
14	Canyonside Road, La Crescenta	Repair of inlet structure	\$ 230,000	August 2010 (Estimated)	November 2010 (Estimated)
15	500' N/o 6065 Canyonside Road, La Crescenta	Construction of concrete inlet and culvert	\$ 200,000	September 2010 (Estimated)	November 2010 (Estimated)
SUBTOTAL FUTURE CONTRACTS			\$ 1,680,000		
TOTAL CONTRACTS			\$ 13,757,900		

ATTACHMENT C
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RECOVERY REPORT FOR THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010 RAINSTORMS
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		County Funds							Estimated Completion Date
Total Damage Estimates	Total Estimated Cost	Disaster Assistance (High Probability)	Disaster Assistance (Possible)	Road Construction Program (SD5)	Road Construction Program (SD4)	Road Construction Program (SD3)	Road Fund (O&M)	Flood Fund (O&M)	
Transportation									
Road Shoulder and Culvert Debris Removal and Emergency Protection Measures	\$ 14,384,000	8,045,000	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,339,000	\$ -	Completed December 2010 July 2010 April 2010 (Completed)
Guardrail Repair and Culvert Inlet Repair	1,393,000	1,063,000	-	50,000	-	-	80,000	200,000	
Roadway and Shoulder Repair	2,707,000	1,207,000	1,406,000	-	-	94,000	-	-	
Miscellaneous Damages/Repairs	99,000	60,000	-	-	6,000	-	-	34,000	
Transportation Subtotal	18,583,000	10,375,000	1,406,000	50,000	6,000	94,000	6,419,000	234,000	
Flood Control									
Infrastructure Damage	4,466,000	4,230,000	-	-	-	-	-	236,000	October 2010
Flood Control Subtotal	4,466,000	4,230,000	-	-	-	-	-	704,000	
Total	\$ 23,049,000	\$ 14,605,000	\$ 1,406,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 94,000	\$ 6,419,000	\$ 704,000	
Roadway Culvert Upgrades and Debris Basin/Reservoir Cleanouts									
Transportation									
Road Culvert Inlet Upgrades	\$ 680,000	\$ 220,000	-	\$ 460,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	July 2010
Transportation Subtotal	680,000	220,000	-	460,000	-	-	-	-	
Flood Control									
Debris Basin Cleanout	26,139,000	17,268,000	-	-	-	-	-	8,870,000	November 2010 December 2015
Reservoir Cleanout	120,452,000	112,924,000	-	-	-	-	-	7,528,000	
Flood Control Subtotal	146,591,000	130,192,000	-	-	-	-	-	16,398,000	
Total	\$ 147,271,000	\$ 130,412,000	\$ -	\$ 460,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,398,000	
Grand Total	\$ 170,320,000	\$ 145,017,000	\$ 1,406,000	\$ 510,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 94,000	\$ 6,419,000	\$ 17,102,000	

ATTACHMENT D
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
STATUS OF ROAD CLOSURES

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* Parking Restrictions/Observe Signs

CURRENT ROAD CLOSURES					
<u>Street - From / To</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Begin Date ▼</u>	<u>Estimated End Date</u>	<u>SD</u>
COLD CANYON RD FROM PIUMA RD TO MULHOLLAND HY	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	ONE LANE ON COLD CANYON RD CLOSED DAILY 7 AM TO 3 PM, FROM PIUMA RD TO MULHOLLAND HY	06-09-2010	08-02-2010	3
STUNT RD FROM SCHUEREN RD TO MULHOLLAND HY	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	ONE LANE ON STUNT RD CLOSED DAILY 7 AM TO 3 PM, FROM SCHUEREN RD TO MULHOLLAND HY	06-09-2010	08-02-2010	3
SCHUEREN RD FROM PIUMA RD TO SADDLE PEAK ROAD	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	ONE LANE ON SCHUEREN RD CLOSED DAILY 7 AM TO 3 PM, FROM PIUMA RD TO SADDLE PEAK ROAD	06-09-2010	08-02-2010	3
PIUMA ROAD FROM MALIBU CANYON RD TO SCHUEREN RD	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	ONE LANE ON SCHUEREN RD CLOSED DAILY 7 AM TO 3 PM, FROM MALIBU CANYON RD TO SCHUEREN RD	06-09-2010	08-02-2010	3
RAMBLA PACIFICO RD. BETWEEN LAS FLORES RD. AND MM 0.82 NORTH OF AZURELEE DR.	ROAD CLOSED	ROAD CLOSED DUE TO A ROAD FAILURE BETWEEN MM 0.69 AND MM 0.80, NEAR HN 2053	02-05-2010	TBD	3
ANGELES FOREST HY from ALISO CYN RD to 1 MILE S/O UPPER BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS	02-05-2010	TBD	5
BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD FROM VOGEL FLATS RD TO ANGELES FOREST HY	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS	02-05-2010	TBD	5
MT WILSON RED BOX RD from VIDEO RD to ANGELES CREST HY	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS	02-05-2010	TBD	5
UPPER BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD from ANGELES CREST HY to ANGELES FOREST HY	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS	02-05-2010	TBD	5
ANGELES FOREST HY from BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD to 1 MILE S/O UPPER BIG T	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS	02-05-2010	TBD	5
BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD from LA CITY LINE to VOGEL FLATS RD	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	DUE TO ON GOING STORM REPAIRS	01-26-2010	TBD	5
STONYVALE RD from 1200' WEST OF VOGEL FLATS RD to 4000' WEST OF VOGEL FLATS RD	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	DUE TO ON GOING STORM REPAIRS	01-21-2010	TBD	5

TOPANGA CANYON BLVD. BETWEEN OLD TOPANGA RD. AND HILLSIDE DR.	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT ONE LANE OPEN BETWEEN 9:00AM & 3:00PM	01-11-2010	11-20-2010	3
CHANNEY TRAIL NORTH OF ALTA LOMA AT GATE.	ROAD CLOSED	CLOSED - OPEN TO RESIDENTS AND PERMITTEES ONLY- FOR ACCESS INFORMATION CONTACT THE USFS AT 626 821-6700	08-26-2009	TBD	
AVENUE C from 30TH STREET WEST to SIERRA HY	ROAD CLOSED	ROAD CLOSED DUE TO PAVEMENT FAILURE	04-02-2009	TBD	5
AUDIO RD from MT WILSON RED BOX RD to MT WILSON CR	ROAD CLOSED	CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND NO EXPECTED DATE TO OPEN.	08-03-2006	TBD	5
VIDEO RD from MT WILSON RED BOX RD to AUDIO RD	ROAD CLOSED	CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND NO EXPECTED DATE TO OPEN.	08-03-2006	TBD	5